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DEATH.

At the Shanghai General Hospital, on the 2nd September, 1898, after a long illness, Mr. J. H. HAMILTON, aged 38 years, deeply regretted by all who knew him.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, October 1st, 1898.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 7.35 a.m. yesterday.

The remaining of the Post Office has been further postponed until Tuesday afternoon.

At the Trade Union Congress recently held at Bristol there were two Japanese trade unionists present as the representatives of 25,000 organized workers in Japan.

The N. E. Daily News is pleased to be able to contribute to the best possible authority the statement that the French Government was opposing the increase of the pay of the staff of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

Senior José do Navarro, Spanish Consul, informs us that he has received the following telegram from the Manila Observatory dated 29th September, 4.53 p.m.—"Typhoon to the N. E. of Manila in the Pacific travelling N. E. Y."

Mr. Rousseau, Consul-General for the United States, informs us that he is in receipt of a telegram from General White, Collector of Customs at Manila, to the effect that the operation of the new tariff has been postponed until November.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Sir Henry Edward McCallan, K. B., K. C. M. G., Governor of Lagos, to be Commander-in-Chief and Governor of the Colony of Newfoundland in succession to Sir Henry Murray, K. C. B.

The London and China Express says—With regard to the position in China, notwithstanding the fact that the Chinese Government has been going on actively between Great Britain and Russia, which it would seem probable, will result in a *modus vivendi*, or what lines, in the absence of any official intimation, it is scarcely possible to speculate at present. Meanwhile the Government seems to have made up its mind that the Chinese themselves have been more than willing to take the line of least resistance, and to have, therefore, or forward a *modus vivendi* to an ultimatum, but something approaching it.

Mr. Geddes, solicitor, made use of as expression at the Magistrate's yesterday which secured for him a rebuke from the Bench. A case was being heard in which a cattle in his employ was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner. An Indian constable was the informant, and in his speech for the defence Mr. Geddes observed, "The Indian police are notorious for their dishonesty." The Magistrate, with the result that Constable Hastings did not take this as a highly respectable language and should not have been used, whereupon Mr. Geddes apologized.

At the Magistrate's yesterday two carpenters named Chan Lok and Chang Yung were summoned by Mr. Geddes for assault. Complimentary notice was given to the carpenters, who were seen near the tram station. At eight o'clock this morning he was driving water when defendants prevented him and assaulted him. First defendant hit him on the left side of the head, with a brick and second defendant hit him with a stone. P. O. 278 sent complaint came to him bleeding and pointing to defendants whom he accused of having assaulted him. The constable arrested defendants, who were seen near \$5, or 14 days, and also ordered to pay \$1 for seven days' compensation.

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